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PS battalion in Zelezna Ruda.

1. Prior to 2 February 1951, the PS battalion in Zelezna Ruda (N 50/Q 07) was subordinate to PS Brigade [redacted] which was located in Susice (N 50/Q 28) and commanded by Staff Captain Slavik, (fnu). Junior Lieutenant Janicek, (fnu), was DOZ officer of the brigade. (1)
2. The PS battalion in Zelezna Ruda was organized into the following five companies. One company of about 100 men in Zelezna Ruda; one company of 47 men in Debrnik (N 50/Q 07); one company of about 50 men at Cerne Jezero (N 50/U 97), a small lake about 6 km northwest of Zelezna Ruda; one company of 40 to 50 men at Certovo Jezero (N 50/U 97), a lake about 4 km northwest of Zelezna Ruda; and one company of 54 men in Alzbetin, just southwest of Zelezna Ruda. (2)
3. Each company was equipped with German model 98-M rifles, Czech models 48-A and 48-B submachine guns, and 4 to 6 model 26 light machine guns. About 70 percent of the personnel of the company at Certovo Jezero were Slovaks. The companies were in contact with the battalion headquarters and each other by means of German field telephones. Night Praga-RN trucks were seen in Zelezna Ruda. It was said that each company be assigned one truck or passenger car.
4. The red brassards previously worn by PS personnel had been removed. Some PS members were seen wearing green brassards, a doghead emblem on the left lapel, the tin-plated letters PS on the right lapel, and a blue-white-red cockade-like patch, 50 mm in diameter and bearing the tin-plated letters SNB, on the left sleeve. These new insignia allegedly were to be officially introduced on 1 May 1951.
5. The neighboring units of the PS battalion in Zelezna Ruda were as PS battalion in Hamry (Hamern, N 50/U 93), with companies in Hamry, Zelena Lhota (Gruen, N 50/U 93), Certuv Kamen and Krasnice; and a PS battalion in Prasilly (Stubenbach, N 50/P 17). (3)

Infantry units.

6. In late November 1950, Inf Regt [redacted] in Pilsen (N 50/L 04) was organized into the 1st and 2d Bn in Pilsen, the 3d Bn in Nepomuk (N 50/L 21), and the 4th Bn in Manetin (N 50/P 96). The 2d Bn was equipped with models

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48-A and 48-B submachine guns, model 26 light machine guns, models 37 and 50 heavy machine guns, bazookas, and flame throwers. The model 50 heavy machine guns were stored in the ordnance room. (4)

7. Prior to 1 May 1950, the 39th Reconnaissance Inf Regt [redacted] was stationed in Bratislava (P 49/X 99). It was organized into the headquarters, regimental headquarters units, and four battalions. Elements of the regiment were quartered in the Jelinkovych Barracks. (5)

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[redacted] The guard unit numbered about 450 troops who were organized into an infantry company, a heavy machine gun company, and a company largely composed of trained personnel, such as drill instructors, musicians, etc. The unit was billeted in about 20 low wooden barracks at the edge of the woods southwest of Lustenice. The recruits received training with the infantry company which was equipped with rifles, models 48-A and 49-B submachine guns, and 12 model 26 light machine guns; and with the machine gun company which had 8 to 10 model 37 heavy machine guns.

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25X1A [redacted] Comments.

(1) The report confirms the PS brigade in Buzice, its [redacted] commanding officer. See [redacted] 25X1

(2) The information on the disposition of the companies deviates substantially from previous statements [redacted] 25X1A

(3) The superior headquarters of the PS battalion in Hamry has not been determined. 25X1

(4) [redacted] the 11th Inf Regt which was confirmed in Pilsen until November 1950. One battalion of the regiment was observed in Klatovy and another battalion in Pisek in the spring of 1950. A model 37 heavy machine gun is reported for the first time. 25X1

(5) The 39th Inf Regt in Bratislava has been carried as a cadre regiment [redacted] 25X1

25X1 25X1A [redacted] However, the present report stating that the regiment [redacted] is organized into 4 battalions is believed to be correct. One battalion of the 39th Inf Regt is probably stationed in Trnava, since [redacted] was reported from there in August 1950, and since one battalion of this regiment was identified in Trnava as early as 1949 [redacted] 25X1

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